

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 284
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Angelo Giansante on winning the Secondary School Athletic Association 140 pound state wrestling championship.

WHEREAS, to win consistently at the grueling sport of wrestling requires hard work, challenging weight management, tremendous concentration, fierce determination to win despite the physical demands, and exceptional ability; and

WHEREAS, throughout his young life, Angelo Giansante has faced numerous challenges and successfully met those challenges head on, thus serving as an inspirational model for others facing obstacles in life. At each point in his life, when others said "he could not", with a strong belief in his own ability, Angelo said he could and he did; and

WHEREAS, Angelo was born on March 7, 1979; his family was poor, but his parents loved him and strongly encouraged his early interest in sports and academic accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, a specialist told him that he was legally blind. With aggressive treatment and the use of corrective lenses, Angelo now has 20-40 vision; and

WHEREAS, despite problems that would have discouraged most people, Angelo decided to try out for the toughest of all sports, wrestling, and became a valued member of the school team; and

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WHEREAS, while wrestling in the 103 pound weight division, during his freshman year, he became the first and only LaVergne freshman to make it to the state tournament. With an overall record of 18-7 that season, Angelo also won the Oakland Tournament, placed second in the Hillsboro Tournament and placed fourth in the regional contest; and

WHEREAS, in his sophomore season, Angelo placed third in the State Tournament, was runner-up in the Region and Franklin Tournaments, and won the Oakland and County Tournaments. His overall record was a sterling 25 wins and just 3 losses; and

WHEREAS, despite an illness during his junior season, he won the Region Tournament, the Franklin Tournament and the Oakland Tournament, compiling a 28-3 overall record; and

WHEREAS, in his highly memorable senior season, Angelo won the 140 pound division of the State Tournament. He also was victorious at the Region Tournament, the Grand Championship Tournament, and the Oakland Tournament. His overall record was an extremely rare, unblemished mark of 34-0; and

WHEREAS, he is currently ranked in the top 15 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, his excellent overall high school record is an enviable 105 wins and only 13 losses, an overall winning percentage of .890; and

WHEREAS, the countless hours it has taken to be a star athlete have not deterred him from being an outstanding student. Angelo has an exemplary 3.2 grade point average, scored a 22 on his ACT and will receive an honors diploma. Truly, he is the quintessential student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, Angelo is a winner on the wrestling mats and, most importantly, in life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Angelo Giansante, a gifted athlete and extraordinary role model, a champion in every sense of the word, and wish him well in what we are supremely confident will be bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.